# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Juvenile Justice Courts/Boards
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of Juvenile Justice Courts/Boards in the country and the number of cases registered therein at present, State/UT-wise;
(b) whether it is proposed to set up more such Courts/Boards in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
(c) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen juvenile justice system in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a): There are 669 Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) in the country which are supported under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) of the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The State/UT-wise data is annexed. The information regarding cases registered therein is not maintained centrally.

(b) & (c): The State Governments/UT Administration are required to constitute for every district one or more JJBs, depending upon pendency of cases. The Government has recently enacted the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act, 2015) which has come into effect from 15th January, 2016 repealing the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000. Some of the key provisions under the JJ Act, 2015 includes, special provisions for children who commit heinous offences in the age group of 16-18 years; inclusion of new offences committed against children, which were so far not adequately covered under any other law, such as giving intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug or tobacco products to children, sale and procurement of children for any purpose, corporal punishment in child care institutions (CCIs), etc.; and giving statutory status to the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) to enable it to perform its function more effectively.

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